

Egremont Board of Health

Thursday May 12, 2022, 10:00 am

Meeting Held in Person and Via Zoom

In Attendance: Charles Ogden, Chairman, Dr. William Rose (via Zoom), Ellen Maggio

Guests in Attendance: George McGurn, Chairman Selectboard, Steve Cohen

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden brought the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He introduced BOH members and staff present either in person or via Zoom, introduced guests present and stated the meeting was being recorded to Zoom. Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes of April 28, 2022 with minor corrections. Vote taken: 3-0 in favor.
- 2) **COVID-19** Chairman Ogden updated the board on his meeting with the Selectboard to discuss the COVID Municipal Mitigation Plan. The Selectboard did not vote to adopt the plan. George McGurn stated the Selectboard felt closing town buildings to the public was unproductive and sent confusing signals. It is planned that Chairman Ogden and Chairman McGurn will write a joint PSA informing Egremont residents of safety measures to take during a CDC RED level period which we are currently in. A sign will be posted outside town hall advising visitors to wear a mask. Library protocols, while still at Town Hall and CDC RED risk level, will be one patron at a time plus the Librarian.
Current infection rate:
7-day average (statewide): 2600 (up from 1729 previous meeting)
14-day percentage positivity:
Statewide: 5.11% (up from 3.72%)
Berkshire County: 6.44% (up from 3.89%)
Hospitalizations (statewide): 236 admitted for COVID
- 3) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** Director Haas has been communicating with Al Thorp regarding the requested changes to the current septic plans. The board will consider approving the plans only when those requested changes are included on revised plans, and it has been reviewed and approved by Alliance consultants.
- 4) **Animal Sent to State Lab for Rabies Testing** Egremont's Animal Control Officer Max Kolb contacted the BOH regarding recent dog encounter with a fox. A homeowner euthanized the fox and took the animal to VCA Veterinary to be prepped for sending to the state lab for rabies testing. BOH completed the application and shipping label for the homeowner. The test thankfully came back negative.
- 5) **Cinkala/151 Hillsdale Road** Septic upgrade plans submitted by Kelly, Granger & Parsons were reviewed. The system is gravity fed and employs Elgen technology in the leach field. Motion made and seconded to grant the 2-foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater request under maximum feasible compliance. Vote taken: 3-0 in favor.
- 6) **Recent Field Work:** Final inspection of septic installation/5 Terra Ferma Lane/Juliette
- 7) Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting at 10:55 am. Next BOH meeting is scheduled for May 26th.

Juliette Haas
Approved 5/26/2022